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1. The construction of the Warsaw subway has been finally abandoned. The work carried out hitherto has demonstrated the technical impossibility of the project. Difficulties were attributed to the nature of the subsoil.
2. The geologists who carried out the preliminary drillings and soil tests have now had legal proceedings instituted against them. About 7,000 persons, engineers, office employees, and workers have been dismissed, the majority being transferred to other work, such as mining in Silesia, or work at the Lenin Iron and Steel Works(formerly Nowa Huta).
3. While the work was still in progress, the tunnels dug in the sandy soil were several times buried by soil subsidence, resulting in the death of some dozens of people. This fact was of course not made public.

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